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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

August 04, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
IN THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, BELL GARDENS,  
COMMERCE, CUDAHY, DIAMOND BAR,  
AND SANTA FE SPRINGS AND THROUGHOUT  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to award construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute construction contracts for work in the Cities of Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, and Santa Fe Springs and throughout the County of Los Angeles.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute construction contracts and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved insurance certificates filed by the contractors; and
2. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County building; (2) accept the project upon its final completion; and (3) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203 for the following projects:
  - Project ID No. OSD0000021 – Traffic Signal Inductive Loop Detectors 2015-2018, to install and

replace traffic signal inductive loops detectors throughout the County of Los Angeles on an as-needed basis for a three-year period, to California Professional Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$880,250; and

- Project ID No. SMDACO0141 – Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. 12, to clean, video inspection, and lining of approximately 17,635 linear feet of existing sanitary sewers in the Cities of Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, and Santa Fe Springs, to Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp., in the amount of \$489,722.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from the Board to award these construction contracts, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the construction contracts, and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved insurance certificates filed by the contractors for these projects.

On May 19, 2015, Agenda Items 43 and 44, respectively, the Board approved the projects; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on June 16, 2015; and instructed the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the projects.

The project descriptions, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosures for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding these construction contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected Cities and throughout the County of Los Angeles.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. OSD0000021 are included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. SMDACO0141 are included in the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Interim Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of these contracts will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the District to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the District to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the District to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

Project ID No. OSD0000021 is to be done on an as-needed basis for a 3-year period. The contract specifications require the work to be completed for Project ID No. SMDACO0141 in 40 working days. It is anticipated that the work will start in September 2015 and be completed in November 2015.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time the Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

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To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the insurance certificates filed by the contractors.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the Cities and throughout the County where the work is performed.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
August 4, 2015

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000021 – Traffic Signal Inductive Loop Detectors 2015-2018  
(throughout the County of Los Angeles), All Supervisorial Districts.

TYPE OF WORK: Installation and replacement of traffic signal inductive loops detectors throughout the County of Los Angeles on an as-needed basis for a three-year period.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 19, 2015 (Agenda Item 43)

BID OPENING DATE: June 16, 2015

BID SUMMARY:

Low	California Professional Engineering, Inc.* 929 Otterbein Avenue, Unit E La Puente, California 91748 (626) 810-1338	\$ 880,250.00
2	Minco Construction	\$ 865,500.00
3	Smithson Electric, Inc.	\$1,032,000.00
4	Traffic Loops Crackfilling, Inc.	\$1,107,500.00
5	JFL Electric, Inc.	\$1,150,305.00

\*Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 829,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 880,250.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 50,750.00

The amount of recommended contract is 6 percent above the estimate.

This project will be carried out over a three-year period commencing in the Fiscal Year 2015-16. Financing for the construction of this project in the amount of \$300,000 for the first year is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Road Fund Budget. Financing for future years is requested through the annual budget process.

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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0141 – Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. 12 (in the Cities of Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, and Santa Fe Springs), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4.

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of approximately 17,635 linear feet of existing sanitary sewers and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 19, 2015 (Agenda Item 44)

BID OPENING DATE: June 16, 2015

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp. 22118 South Vermont Avenue Torrance, California 90502 (310) 329-8717	\$ 489,722.00
2	Sancon Technologies	\$ 598,718.00
3	Minco Construction	\$1,100,210.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 596,978.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 489,722.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 107,256.00

The amount of recommended contract is 18 percent below the estimate.

Funding for this project is included in the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

Nu-Line Technologies, LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$541,516; however, its bid proposal is considered nonresponsive because it failed to acknowledge the receipt of addenda.

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